

EEOICPA Update

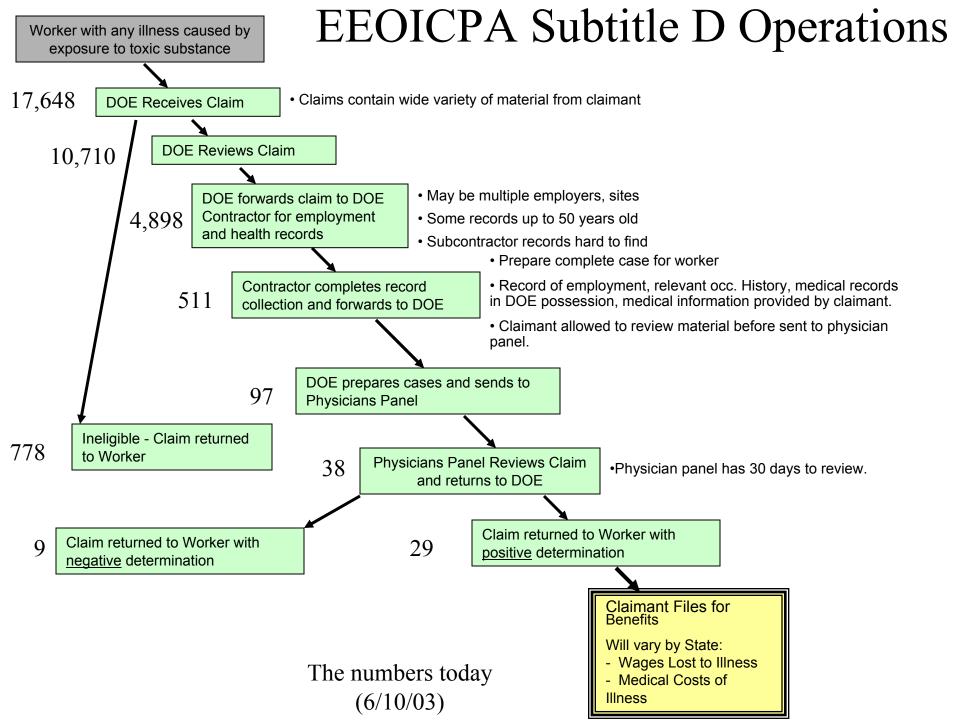
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Physician Panel Process

- OWA Physician Panels review Subtitle D cases and make determinations as to whether claimed condition is work-related.
- DOE contractor and subcontractor employees may request a Physician Panel review for any illness that may be related to a toxic exposure at a DOE facility.
- Panels determine whether the claimed illnesses were as likely as not caused, contributed to, or exacerbated by a toxic exposure at a DOE facility.
- OWA has received over 3,300 cases from Oak Ridge sites (K-25, Y-12, ORNL), approximately 20% of entire OWA caseload.





Subtitle D Cases from Oak Ridge

Total Cases at OWATotal Cases Worked to DateTotal Cases to be Worked	3,346 1,455 1,891	
Number Waiting for Data from applicants/employers	1,289	
 from applicants/employers Cases being prepared for OWA Physician Review 	1,209	
ONA Plantician Paris	70	
OWA Physician Review	78	
 Cases awaiting applicant 		
approval to proceed	18	
approval to proceedCases at Physicians Panel	3	
 Cases Completed Physician 		
panel review to date	2	
 Ineligible cases 	50	
 Closed cases/application 	30	
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withdrawn	4	



Subtitle B Cases from Oak Ridge from DOL Website, 5/14/03

•	Claims Filed Recommended Decision - Approved - Denied	6570 1587 1801
•	Final Decision - Approved - Denied	1495 1362
•	Compensation Paid - Claims - Total Dollars	1283 \$150,147,543.00
•	Referred To NIOSH	2755



DOE/OWA Activities in Tennessee

- Processing Subtitle D applications
- Conducting Aggressive Outreach through DOE/DOL Resource Center
- Conducting meetings with site records managers to facilitate records production
- Assisting DOL and NIOSH in obtaining employment verification and exposure records, respectively
- Coordinating with Former Worker Medical Screening Programs to share employee exposure and medical records.
- Analyzing EPA reports, developing site profiles to determine chemical exposures



Site Anecdotes

- DOE ORO and OR contractors have geared up to assist NIOSH and its contractors (led by ORAU) in assembling complete site radiation profiles and answering final questions before batch processing of NIOSH cases.
- NIOSH is extremely pleased with the cooperation from DOE and OR. They are ahead of schedule and anticipate completing work on K-25 and Y-12 in the next 4-6 months or less. This will expedite many NIOISH cases pending for OR.
- OR contractors are ramping up for a major commitment of resources to expedite delivery of personnel, medical, exposure, and industrial hygiene data for Subtitle D cases. They are assembling chemical exposure profiles by building and job description. DOE OWA Headquarters and DOE ORO staff are meeting on site with all key OR contractors for handling many more document requests.



Overall Accomplishments

- Issued revised OWA procedures manual
- Field Offices committed to goal of 100+ returned record searches per week
- Traveling Resource Centers (jointly with DOL)
 - Clearwater, Florida (former DOE Pinellas plant)
 - New Kensington, Pennsylvania (AWEs)
 - East Bay, California (DOE Labs and AWEs)
- Website Redesign being beta tested
 - Launch by June 30th
- Records production for DOL and NIOSH
 - Steadily improving performance
- Case production to Physician Panels improving